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Date: 8 Oct 1994 07:05:21 GMT

From: kb6cch@uclink.berkeley.edu (William Martin Johnson)

Subject: code...

the code is an international language. if you want international bands, learn the lingua franca. in the time it took to sift through, post, read, reply, etc, i'm sure a few of us could have learned the code instead of staring into these stupid screens... the code is easier to copy at long distances than voice. it is more reliable than non-cw digital modes. it is internationally agreed upon by the iaru, warc, and the communications arms of most foreign govt's, so don't hold your breath for the fcc to come to your rescue. and it is somewhat of a tribal initiation, too: there is a wonderful society in cw; it is a good thing to know. it is cool. it is easy. and thankfully, it is based on english, which makes it easier for us. and when the bands are dead at night, or early before propogation becomes strong, cw is often the only mode going... just listen to the bands. and look at the bandwidth: cw is the most spectrum efficient 2-way mode: with most radios and their 250 hz

(and less) filters, and the new dsp filters with their 25 hz bandwidth, many amateurs can squeeze into a very small space... on field day, or in a major contest, we can work several conversations into less than a khz, while voice and fsk take up more than a khz for only one conversation. so, before saying that "cw is history," or trying to fight the well established track record cw has with other bitter slogans, just remember that sometimes the most elegant "solution" is the simplest. in this age which is oriented towards instant gratification, manifested in memorizing question pools, buying complete stations from a retail source, and operatorless stations, it is somewhat of a relief that there is still one requirement which requires either a "knack" or a little elbow grease to gain the privilege. now, these aren't "real" answers which contain some self-actuating, metaphysical, cartesian "truth," which i am sure many of you are looking for, but they are good social reasons, grounded in a respect for good operators and my love of the art of radio. no caps, because we don't need 'em in cw,

Date: Sat, 8 Oct 1994 03:29:54 GMT

From: jjmartin@world.std.com (James J Martin) Subject: Code debate solved on national show?

Dana Myers (myers@bigboy.West.Sun.COM) wrote:

- : In article <CxAB51.C7M@world.std.com> jjmartin@world.std.com
- : (James J Martin) writes:
- : >Kevin Jessup (kevin.jessup@mail.mei.com) wrote:

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Sorry you took it as a personal attack Dana...I'm not attacking anyone. Just poking fun at the idea. I have fun here and I sure wish that people would quit being so sensitive and taking life so seriously that everything

has to be a personal attack...Hey, life is too short to frown on everything anyone does that you don't agree with. Smile a bit...take it with a grain of salt...forget about it....and live another day. :) I sure plan to.

I think the whole debate is silly anyway but I won't deprive anyone of their right to argue their point. I enjoy reading the rantings and ravings. And every now and then I poke my \$.02 in a bit...not to attack anyone personally [I don't know anyone well enough to sink their battleship to begin with on the net]. Okay? Okay by me.

73 de Jim / WK1V

Date: 8 Oct 1994 04:12:56 GMT

From: myers@sunspot.West.Sun.COM (Dana Myers) Subject: Code debate solved on national show?

In article <CxC4Du.G7u@world.std.com> jjmartin@world.std.com (James J Martin)
writes:

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Gee, thanks for the philosophy, but it might be in vain; I didn't regard your comment as a personal attack. Your comment was perfectly fair; it seems that few people will debate things, anything, in any forum for very long before the discussion becomes personal and strays from the topic.

I simply don't believe we have to be "violent". That was my point. I guess I'm such a dour and unhappy, serious person that it came across as some kind of serious defensive overture. :-)

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Oh, I guess so. If you like rantings and ravings, there are newsgroups that exist soley for people to rant and rave and flame like animals. Alt.flame is pretty cool, err, serious people don't say cool, alt.flame is an appropriate venue for complaing about welfare mentality, fall of society, rude digital oeprators, and painful ingrown toe nails.

We really ought to create an alt.radio.amateur.flame, where we all could flame each other with wild abandon. I'd kick some serious ass there, oops, dour people don't say kick ass, I'd forcefully argue my beliefs in a fundamentally compelling manner. The two Jeffs could spank each other's monkeys, uh, unhappy people don't say spank the monkey, the two jeffs could mutually pleasure each other there.

The point is, if r.r.a.p. is to be a decent forum for useful discussion, we need to be reasonable. Off-topic flame wars, personal attacks, they dilute the point of this newsgroup.

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* Dana H. Myers KK6JQ, DoD#: j | Views expressed here are *
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* (310) 348-6043 | mine and do not necessarily *

 \star Dana.Myers@West.Sun.Com $\,\mid\,$ reflect those of my employer

* "Sir, over there.... is that a man?"

Date: Sat, 8 Oct 1994 07:26:16 GMT

From: brandonc@metronet.com (Brandon Campbell)

Subject: how do you study for code?

Mike Lyon <mlyon@rahul.net> writes:

>well the title says it all. please post or e-mail.

I practiced using a great shareware program called Morse Academy. It goes through the different letters, etc. with you, and then it can do drills and quizzes by making the various sounds and then you would have to type the proper character. And it even has some sample QSO's that it can play at various speeds for you to see if you can copy. Great program if you can find it.

73 de KC5BIC

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Brandon Wayne Campbell

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Date: Sat, 8 Oct 1994 00:21:08

From: bmicales@facstaff.wisc.edu (Bruce Micales)

Subject: IGNORE THIS IS A TEST

In article <373ij5\$dll@ccnet.ccnet.com> rwilkins@ccnet.com (Bob Wilkins n6fri)

writes:

>From: rwilkins@ccnet.com (Bob Wilkins n6fri)

>Subject: Re: IGNORE THIS IS A TEST >Date: 7 Oct 1994 06:31:17 -0700

>Bruce Micales (bmicales@facstaff.wisc.edu) wrote:

>: Please ignore this post. I had a recent problem posting and testing to see if

>: it works!

>: Please ignore this post

>: Thank you and 73

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>: WA2DEU

>: Bruce Micales

>This is an active CW net. Please tune up using alt.test or better yet in >your local .test news group.

>You are 5-9 East Bay Section with two identical posts.

>Bob

I am well aware of the existance of alt.test, however, I was having problems posting to this newsgroup. After fixing the problem, I needed to test my system to see if I could post to this newsgroup (NOT a CW Net).

Sorry about the double posting ... my fingers slipped.

73 de WA2DEU Bruce Micales

Date: 8 Oct 1994 04:24:28 GMT

From: pryack@mtholyoke.edu (Paul Ryack)

Subject: Operation in Bahama's w/US license?

dbarton@unix.cc.emory.edu wrote:

> I will be travelling in the Bahama's and/or Carribean in December and am

The name is spelled, Bahamas. It is not a possessive. There is no apostrophe.

Date: Fri, 7 Oct 1994 17:26:18 GMT

From: mcinnis@austin.ibm.com (Mickey McInnis)

References<36i3sa\$gdg@scratchy.reed.edu> <36q11m\$32f\$1@rosebud.ncd.com>,

<CxAAvv.B7p@world.std.com>

Reply-To: mcinnis@austin.ibm.com

Subject: Re: Is this a Part 97 violation?

Well, I think the only way it's legal is if it's an emergency. I think the best way to determine if it's an emergency is this:

Pretend you will be fined and/or have your licence revoked if you take action "X". Would you still take action "X" if you knew this would happen? If not, maybe it's not a "real" emergency.

(It's just a rule of thumb, but I think it's a good one.)

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